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ABSTRACT

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) report is a compilation of accountability indicators, including student learning, academic programs, faculty productivity, and financial accountability. According to the December 1997 data, 91% of students enrolled in TBR universities or two-year institutions said they were "very satisfied" or "Satisfied" with the education they were receiving. Forty-two percent of TBR university students graduate within six years of enrolling. Private Gifts to TBR universities and two-year institutions have increased steadily over the past five years. Over 50% of TBR students receive financial aid. Financial aid awards to TBR students amounted to $314,975,105 in 1996-97, adding over one quarter of a billion dollars to Tennessee's economy. Ninety-two percent of career program graduates of two-year institutions were employed within 3 months of graduation in jobs related to their degree. Ninety-one percent of Tennessee Technology Center graduates were placed in related employment. On standardized tests of core knowledge and skills, TBR students perform as well as students nationally. Over 22,400 students earned a degree, certificate, or diploma in the 1996-97 school year. Ninety-eight percent of the TBR programs eligible for national accreditation have received accreditation. TBR institutions are serving 40,000 more students in 1997 than in 1987 with a staff increase of 2,300. (JA)

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Student Learning

Indicator 1: Licensure Fields

- 80% of 2,559 university students and 92% of 2,068 two-year students who took exams for first professional license passed on the first attempt.
- 97% of 1,470 Tennessee Technology Center students who took exams for licensure passed on the first attempt.

Table 1-1: Licensure Examination Pass-Rates for TBR Institutions 1995-96

	Number Tested	Percent Passed
Universities	2,559	80%
2-Year Institutions	2,068	92%
TTCs	1,470	97%

Indicator 2: Job Placement

- 92% of career program graduates of two-year institutions were employed within 3 months of graduation in jobs related to their degree.
- 91% of Tennessee Technology Center graduates were placed in related employment.

Table 2-1: Percent Placement 1996-97

	Graduates Employable	Total Placed	Percent Placed
2- Year Institutions	3,898	3,577	92%
TTCs	4,178	3,811	91%

Indicator 3: Student Satisfaction

- 91% of students currently enrolled in TBR universities or two-year institutions said they were "VERY SATISFIED" or "SATISFIED" with the education they are receiving.

Table 3-1: Enrolled Student Satisfaction 1996-97

	Number of Respondents	Number Responding as VERY SATISFIED or SATISFIED	Percent
Universities	10,204	9,183	90%
2-Year Institutions	12,915	11,958	93%
System Total	23,119	21,141	91%

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Indicator 4: Alumni Satisfaction

- 91% of alumni surveyed two years after graduating from a TBR university or two-year institution said they were currently "VERY SATISFIED" or "SATISFIED" with the education they had received.
- 91% of alumni surveyed after completion at a Tennessee Technology Center rated their training program as "EXCELLENT" or "GOOD".

Table 4-1: Alumni Current Satisfaction 1993-94 Graduates

	Number of Respondents	Number Responding as VERY SATISFIED or SATISFIED	Percent
Universities	3,136	2,783	89%
2-Year Institutions	2,317	2,175	94%
System Total	5,453	4,958	91%

	Number of Respondents	Number Responding as EXCELLENT or GOOD	Percent
TTCs	1,581	1,438	91%

Indicator 5: Core Knowledge and Skills

- On standardized tests of core knowledge and skills, Tennessee Board of Regents students perform as well as students nationally.

Table 5-1: Student Performance on National Tests of Core Knowledge and Skills, 1996-97

Institution	Number of Students Tested	Number At/Above the National Average	Percent At/Above the National Average
Universities	7,627	3,865	51%
2- Year Institutions	5,360	2,564	48%

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Indicator 6: Graduation Rates

- 42% of TBR university students graduate within six years of enrolling.

Table 6-1: Graduation Rates at TBR Universities 1990 First-Time Freshmen Graduating by 1996

Classification	First-Time Freshmen	Number of Graduates	Percent Graduated
Declared Majors	4,526	2,047	45%
Undeclared Majors	2,541	922	36%
Total	7,067	2,969	42%

- 37% of TBR two-year college students successfully graduate from a two-year institution or transfer to a public four-year institution within six years of enrolling.

Table 6-2: Percentage of 1990 Two-Year, First-Time Freshmen Either Graduating From a Two-Year Institution or Transferring to a Public University by 1996

Institution	First-Time Freshmen	Graduated From 2-Year	Transfer To 4-Year	Total Graduates & Transfers	Percent
2-Year	8,739	1,884	1,334	3,218	37%

- 62% of students enrolling in a Tennessee Technology Center complete their training.

Table 6-3: Completion Rates at Tennessee Technology Centers

	Number Enrolled	Number of Completers	Percent Completed
TTCs	7,154	4,417	62%

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Indicator 7: Degrees Granted

- Over 22,400 students earned a degree, certificate, or diploma in the 1996-97 school year.

Table 7-1: Credentials Awarded by TBR Institutions 1996-97

	1996-97			
Credential	TTC	2-Yr	Univ	Total
Certificate	1,849			1,849
Diploma	2,382			2,382
Certificate		1,161	68	1,229
Associate		5,491	453	5,944
Bachelors			8,053	8,053
Masters			2,500	2,500
Education Specialist			118	118
Doctor			186	186
Medicine/Law			192	192
Total Credentials	4,231	6,652	11,570	22,453

Academic Programs

Indicator 8: Program Accreditation

- 98% of TBR programs eligible for national accreditation have received accreditation.

Table 8-1: Number of Accredited Programs

Institution	Number of Eligible Programs	Number of Programs Accredited	Percent Eligible Accredited
Universities	233	226	97%
2-Year Institutions	79	79	100%
TTCs	32	32	100%
System Total	344	337	98%

Indicator 9: External Peer Review

- 82% of TBR undergraduate programs evaluated by external review teams met at least 90% of the established standards.
- 100% of TTC program review met the established standards.

Table 9-1: Number of Peer Reviewed Programs Meeting Standards

Institution	Percent Meeting 90% of Standards
Universities	70%
2- Year Institutions	97%
System	82%
	Percent Meeting Standards
TTCs	100%

Faculty Productivity

Indicator 10: Faculty Productivity

During the 9 month school year, each TBR university and 2-year college faculty member:

- Provides on average 475 hours of student instruction;
- Spends on average about 500 hours grading student work and preparing classes;
- Spends on average some 100 hours advising students and performing other assigned duties;
- Conducts some $30 million dollars in externally funded research and performs some $14 million in services to local communities and the state.

During the 12 month school year, each TTC faculty member:

- Provides on average 1,296 hours of student instruction;
- Spends on average 350 hours grading student work and preparing for classes;

Table 10-1: Average Student Enrollment Per Class

Institution	Average Class Size
Universities	26
Two-Year Institutions	21
TTCs	26

Financial Accountability

Indicator 11: Tuition and Fees

- Tennessee is a low fee state. Smaller increases in Tennessee, compared to national average increases for public institutions since 1991, have served to keep our fees low.

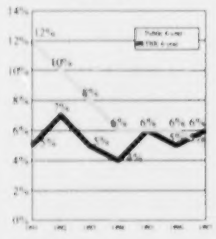
Table 11-1: Tuition and Fees at Tennessee institutions compared to SREB and National Averages, 1997-98

	Tennessee	Regional (SREB)	National
4-Year	2,237	2,463	3,111
2-Year	1,146	1,113	1,501
TTC	860	853*	900*

*Projected from 1996-97.

- In Charts 11-1 and 11-2, the percentage increase in fees at TBR institutions from year to year is compared with the average national increase.

Chart 11-1



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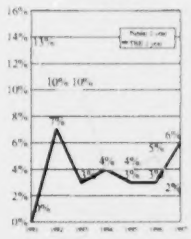

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Indicator 12: Staffing

- TBR institutions are serving 40,000 more students in 1997 than they did in 1987 with a staff increase of only 2,300.
- Enrollment at TBR institutions has increased by 30% while the positions have grown by 22%.

Table 12-1: Full-time Staff Positions by Function, 1987 vs. 1997.

Category*	1987		1997	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Faculty/Academic	5,048	48%	6,342	50%
Technical/Clerical	4,173	40%	4,694	37%
Administrative	668	7%	897	7%
Professional	547	5%	823	6%
Total (All Positions)	10,436	100%	12,756	100%

* For consistency of comparison to national accounting standards for higher education expenditures, position classifications are based on the NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers) Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual 96-6 Section 452.

Indicator 13: Expenditures

- TBR universities put 72% of their resources into instruction and student services related activities compared to an average of 62% nationally.
- TBR 2-year institutions put 75% of their resources into instruction and student services related activities.
- TBR Tennessee Technology Centers put 77% of their resources into instruction and student services related activities.

Table 13-1: Percent Distribution of Expenditures by Function, 4-Year Institutions.

	TBR 4-Year 1996-97	TBR 2-Year 1996-97	TBR TTC 1996-97	Nationally 1994-95
Academic/ Student Support	72%	75%	77%	62%
Research	7%	0%	0%	13%
Public Service	4%	8%	0%	6%
M & O	8%	7%	9%	8%
Institutional Support	9%	10%	14%	11%

Indicator 14: Private Giving

- Private Gifts to TBR universities and 2-year institutions have increased steadily over the past five years.

Table 14-1: Five Year Average of Private Gifts to TBR Institutions.

	5-Year Average		
	Giving	Expenditures	Percent
4-Year	$25,664,559	$568,108,878	4.5%
2-Year	$8,092,704	$283,434,021	2.9%
System	$33,757,263	$851,542,900	4.0%

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Indicator 15: Financial Aid

- Over 50% of TBR students receive financial aid.
- Financial aid awards to TBR students amounted to $314,975,105 in 1996-97, adding over one-quarter of a billion dollars to Tennessee's economy.

Table 15-1: Students receiving financial aid as a percentage of total students, 1996-97.

	Receiving Awards	Total Students	% Receiving Aid
Universities	48,965	73,584	67%
2-Year Institutions	37,077	78,630	47%
TTCs	5,191	8,824	59%